

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
DELTA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VERSUS

CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 2:07CR166-P-B

JOSEPH MEZIERE

ORDER

This cause is before the Court on defendant Meziere's Motion for Continuance [17]. The Court, having reviewed the motion and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, finds as follows, to-wit:

The trial of this matter is currently set for December 17, 2007. Meziere's counsel seeks a continuance in order to review voluminous discovery material, to complete additional investigation and to meet with his client in an effort to facilitate the filing and hearing of pretrial motions. The government does not oppose the requested continuance. Based on the foregoing, the Court finds that the motion is well-taken and should be granted.

The above circumstances enable the Court to exclude, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A), the period of delay from December 17, 2007 until the new trial date to be set in this matter. The time is excludable under subsection (h)(8)(A) because, given the circumstances described above, a continuance is necessary to afford defendant additional time to investigate and prepare a defense to the charges at issue. Therefore, the ends of justice served by the granting of this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that

1. The defendant's Motion for Continuance [17] is GRANTED;
2. That the trial of this matter is continued until Monday, February 11, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the United States District Courthouse in Greenville, Mississippi;
3. That the delay from December 17, 2007 until February 11, 2008 is excluded as set out above;
4. That the deadline for filing pretrial motions is January 22, 2008;
5. That the deadline for submitting a plea agreement is January 28, 2008.

SO ORDERED, this the 7th day of December, 2007.

/s/ W. Allen Pepper, Jr.
W. ALLEN PEPPER, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE